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SUBJECT: International Harmonization of Classification and Labeling Systems

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Pamela Gilbert (EX), Ron Medford (EXHR), Jeff Bromme, Harleigh Ewell (OGC), and K. Gupta (EHHS)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Dennis Griesing, Rich Sedlak (Soap and Detergent Association), Bert R. Pena, Jim Chen, Warren Muryama (Hogan and Hartson), and Karen Kohrman (Procter and Gamble)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was requested by the industry, and at the meeting the industry representatives expressed the following views:

1. The currently proposed harmonized classification system is based on a hazard determination and does not take into account the presence or absence of risk posed by a chemical or product. A risk-based system is used by CPSC is a much preferred approach. Thus, the proposed system included in the international agreement is unsuitable for the classification and labeling of consumer products. Therefore, consumer products should be excluded from the proposed harmonized system.
2. There is a need to improve communication between the government and the industry representatives. Specifically, there needs to be discussions before and after an international meeting and when important issues arise.

CPSC representatives indicated that they would like to see the communication improve and suggested that CPSC staff and representatives from the Soap and Detergent Association design ways to accomplish this.

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